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TROUBLED START FOR PSL

— By Andrew Dettre —

After a mere two years, the Philips League has taken its second victim with the withdrawal of Western Suburbs of Sydney.

Last year it was Mooroolbark that went to the wall and many people are already speculating about the next casualty.

The year has certainly started poorly for the PSL, in a "first the bad news, and now the extremely bad news" style.

Brisbane Lions have lost the

rich sponsorship of Kentucky Fried while Marconi's Rosso Antico has also pulled out.

With escalating airfare costs and increasing payments to players and staff, PSL clubs can expect to dip deeper into the red.

Only those will be able to survive which have well-managed,

prosperous licensed clubs or regularly high gate takings; all others are vulnerable.

To make things worse, Channel 10 are still not certain to televise PSL matches in Sydney, undoubtedly displeasing Philips Industries whose marketing outlet heavily depends on TV coverage.



Part of the Young Australia squad at training. Let's hope their joyous raising of the arms is a good omen for their forthcoming tasks.

RUDI NOT YET ACCLIMATISED...

Rudi Gutendorf flew out of Sydney this week on his way to Rio wondering just where his own Australian future lies.

The solitary vanguard of the Rio-bound Young Australian team, Gutendorf will need to keep his temper under wraps to stay off a collision course with ASF authorities.

He is openly unhappy about the ASF decision to jettison the post-tournament idea of playing a number of extra friendly matches with a team rounded off by some senior players.

The ASF told Gutendorf last week that the scheme was can-

celled as it would have cost about \$28,000 — probably more.

According to reports, the preparations of the Young Australia team have so far cost about \$30,000 — and the ASF has to foot the bill without a sponsor.

Gutendorf, brought up on the orderly and well-planned system of the Deutsche Fussball Bund and later nurtured on the luxurious set-up of clubs like Hamburg, will probably get used to the shoestring methods Australian soccer must adopt.

But these shoestrings are still enormous improvements on the past when no such venture with an under-19 team would have even been contemplated.

What Rudi Gutendorf doesn't know — and cannot possibly know — is that only a few short years ago even our national coach was on a pittance as a retainer.

Before his departure, he stressed his wish that Australia play at least 40 matches before the start of 1981, when our next World Cup elimination matches begin.

"As soon as I return from South America I will sit down with Sir Arthur George and Brian Le Fevre to map out a two-year program," he said.

"Two years is the absolute minimum to build up a new team.

"And my main aim and assignment, apart from everything else, is to get Australia to Spain in 1982."

Gutendorf warned the public against undue optimism in the Coca-Cola/FIFA World Youth Cup.

"There is a world of difference between South American and Australian soccer," he said.

"Let's not expect to win the tournament. To make our job even harder, the FIFA organising committee prepared a very unfair tournament draw."

"Young Australia has played only six matches in its existence; some of the South Americans have been preparing for about a year."

The Australian team and officials will leave for Rio on Saturday and, after overnighing in Los Angeles, arrive the next day.

COKE CUP COVERAGE

Soccer World has been lucky to secure the services of Peter Bent (pictured) as special correspondent during the Young Australia tour of South America.

Bent, from Coca-Cola, Sydney, will travel with the team which takes part in the Coca-Cola/FIFA World Youth Cup.

His telephoned reports will appear every week, giving match details, background stories and line-ups.



NEXT WEEK:

Where have all the coaches gone — a graphic chart showing who are in charge of all the 14 PSL teams.

Also — a background to Wisla Krakow, its stars and Polish soccer in general.

Next week's issue will carry all the results of 1978 and a full timetable for this year's European Championship matches as well as the latest news from the four corners of the globe.

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Conducted by Val Hokin
and Emmanuel Kanna



Sydney Maccabi have appointed Bruno Tomislav as their Federation coach. Bruno coached the successful Edensor Park club in 1978. John Fleming has been appointed coach of the club's second division Sydney Amateur League sides. A play-off has been set down for March 18 between Maccabi and Chullora, both clubs finishing in equal second place in Div. 7 last year. The national Maccabi Carnival was held in Adelaide with Sydney Maccabi defeating Victoria 2-1 on penalties.

South Sydney Districts' (6th Div.) secretary Warren MacFarlane reports his committee has been interviewing applicants for the position of coach for the club's Federation squad. Player Lyndon Forrest successfully completed and passed his preliminary coaching course and hopes to be coach of the club's new under-16 side, work commitments permitting. The club has started training Wednesday nights at Booralee Park, Botany.

Winston Hills (6th Div.) have appointed Noel Telfer as the first grade coach for the club's first year in Federation. Telfer played with St. George-Budapest a few years ago, joining them from South Coast.

With 49 junior teams competing in the Granville District, club coach Vince Balzen is trying to create a pyramid type structure throughout the junior ranks with the club's Federation squad as their goal. The club will be using the Max Ruddock Reserve, Winston Hills, with senior training on Wednesday evenings at Gooden Drive Res.

Dee Why (2nd Div.) played their first trial match last Sunday against Warringah Saints with David Newman scoring a fine goal with a 25-yard volley. The club has appointed Andy Clues as the senior Federation coach. Andy holds a FA coaching certificate. Brian Stockes has been appointed his assistant. Brian was Manly-Warringah's first grade captain last season. The club's third grade coach is Norm Wruszinski, formerly from Blacktown Utd. and the club's 1978 under-16 coach. The club will play another trial against Manly-Warringah reserves at Cromer Park at 9am next Sunday.

Marrickville (2nd Div.) have appointed Steve Dacevski, former Yugal star, as the club's senior coach. The club will be fielding 23 junior teams in the Canterbury District Association, with a further eight All-Age teams. Several of the junior teams enjoyed the off-season Indoor Soccer at South Bankstown YMCA. Some of the club's All-Age teams will be competing in the indoor pre-season competition, too.

Yagoona (2nd Div.) have retained Russell Haggett as the club's senior coach. The club will be again using O'Neill Park and training has started on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Yagoona are in a similar position to most other Second Division clubs. They were unprepared for the local player ruling and the ruling about the under-21 players in second grade, due to the rearrangement of the divisions. This will mean much re-organisation of teams, with local councils receiving an increase in the applications for naturalisation.

Southern Districts (6th Div.) have been fortunate in acquiring a new home ground, designed like Marconi Oval, with the Southern District Association club house overlooking the ground on Kelso Crescent, Moorebank. This has been a real boost to the club with the Department of Sport and Recreation allocating the club a grant of \$50,000 towards the ground. Club members assist the local Liverpool Council with the groundsman duties.

Artarmon (3rd Div.) are conducting a five-a-side competition at Artarmon Oval on February 18 and 25. The entry fee is \$6 a team. Prizes include \$400 to the winning team with a watch to the "Player of the Comp", \$100 for second place and \$50 for third and fourth place-getters. Any club interested should contact Keith James on 411-1529. The club has appointed Harry Noon as senior coach. He was previously with Prospect County.

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CLUB PATROL

Edited by Stephen Dettre

Sydney Croatia's defender BOBBY RUSSELL has joined Adelaide City for \$5000.

Although some of the newspapers — including us — have started to refer to HAKOAH as Sydney City, to this very date we have not received any official communication from that club about their change of name. So is it on or off again?

St. George's new Yugoslav recruit, STEFAN MATIC, arrived last Friday, while youngsters PETER TERRY and EMERY HOLMIK have both returned from their trip to the USA, making coach Joe Gelei's choice a pleasantly difficult one.

DON ALLAN, the young Olympic striker, may soon be transferred to Melita Eagles.

Melita got themselves a bargain buy last week when they snapped up the very talented centre back HOWARD HADLEY for only \$1800 from Croatia Deakin in Canberra. Howard had a falling out with Croatia Sydney at the start of 1978 and as a result went to the Canberra club. Now Melita, and especially RAUL BLANCO, feel that Howard will strengthen the side and add a bit of character and coolness to the defence.

Arncliffe are at present negotiating with Central Coast, hoping to buy former Western Suburbs centre half MATT GUILDEA.

Arncliffe Scots' DAVE BAKER has re-signed with the club, squashing rumors that he would give the game away due to work commitments.

Marrickville Olympic's new goalkeeper for 1979 is WAYNE EVANS, who was with APIA last year. Wayne played in his debut match last week and although he conceded two goals had a good game.

Another new name on the Yugal team sheet is that of JOHN KARACHAN, a young Turkish lad who came to Australia in 1974. John was with Sydney Olympic, and Tony Schwarz is confident that he can find a regular first team spot with Yugal.

Melita's TONY ECONOMOU is faced with a problem common to many footballers at present: whether to pursue a career or keep playing soccer. Croatia's KEVIN COLEMAN chose the former course, and Melita understand the quandry which faces players.

As the new ST GEORGE STADIUM nears completion they are open to any suggestion which would add to spectator or participant comfort and convenience. Already the referees have suggested that "warning" buzzers be placed in each dressing room so that referees can warn teams when to go out onto the field.

The NSW REFEREES' Federation has pulled off a scoop that many clubs would envy by gaining a substantial sponsorship for 1979. The Dunlop sportswear and goods firm will provide all referees and linesmen in the Philips League with complete outfits, as well as offsetting travel expenses. A major part of the deal is financial backing for the referees so that seminars and coaching clinics can be held to further upgrade the standard of refereeing, and to help create uniformity of interpretations.

After only two nights of the Ampal Cup last weekend there were two red cards shown, in two matches. The first expulsion of the year was ENRICO DUARTE of Yugal, while the following evening Arncliffe Scots' BRAD EARL got his marching orders.

Arncliffe Scots' PETER BUTCHER, who took a year off from football to travel throughout Europe, has rejoined the club and has settled back into a first team place.

Former Soccer ADRIAN ALSTON, prematurely retired from the game because of a serious ligament injury, went into the hotel business with his brother in England.

The rapid promotion of 19-year-old striker GRAHAM PARKIN has paid off handsomely for Revesby so far. Graham, who was in third grade in 1977, has taken the place of KEN THORPE, Revesby's main striker of last year, who hasn't decided whether or not to play this year. Meanwhile young Graham has scored in all but one of Revesby's games this year.

Revesby player-coach GREG BYLES and his brother, RAY, who is third grade coach, should both be fathers within the next couple of months. Their respective wives, SANDRA and LYN, are expecting births in March.

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Soccer Sydney-style . . . last season St. George let JIM ZEROS (above) go to struggling Marrickville Olympic for a nominal \$500. Now Zeros wants to go back to the Saints — but Marrickville want \$10,000 for him.

POLONIA seek juniors for their teams; training will start on February 5 at Chopin Park. Those interested please phone 624-6982 or (047) 21-9499.

St. George's ZORAN DJURISIC has been transferred to Avala for a fee of \$2500.

Olympic's defender BILLY PALMER has returned from the UK and should be available for selection within a fortnight.

Last week we reported in CP that CHRIS CASSETARI, Manly's brilliant young 'keeper, would miss their match against St. George because of a broken nose. Well, Chris didn't miss the game — much to the annoyance of the Saints players, for he played a blinder and saved his team from a much bigger scoreline.

Club officials, so quick to criticise the Press for mis-spelt names, should perhaps exercise a bit more caution when filling in team sheets. Last Friday at Garside Park we noticed these variations: Klempscrev (for Klemperer) of Yugal; Jameson (Jamieson), Cotton (Coton), Ainsley (Ainslie) for Olympic. And it's all done by the players' own officials . . .

Former great Prague star WALTER TAMANDL has sold his business in Sydney and will be moving to Queensland to live. The move is basically for family reasons, though Walter feels the change of scenery may bring new opportunities footballwise. He seems keen to get involved in the new Queensland State League, and would make an ideal coach for any club.

CIGAR TRAPS ITS FUR LADY

Last week NSW president Karl Rodney played cops and robbers — and won.

While answering the phone in his fur salon in the Imperial Arcade, a young woman snatched two expensive fur coats and ran.

Showing amazing agility, Karl dashed after her and caught the woman in the doorway. Then he forced her to sit in a chair while phoning the police. "Don't move or I'll shoot you," he told her, patting a protruding object in his pocket.

The woman then asked for permission to have a cigarette.

"No," Karl said, "or you'll burn down the whole shop. Nobody smokes here."

The police duly arrived and took the fur fancier away while our Karl, still shaking with excitement, promptly lit one of his big Coronas — taken from a tin in his pocket . . .

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I SEE MY FUTURE IN ADELAIDE — RASIC

By ANDREW DETTRE

Rale Rasic is probably the best known soccer brand name in this country; through his exploits, some happy, some turbulent, the public at large has come to readily associate him with the game.

He is to soccer what Forbes Carlile is to swimming, Ron Barassi to Aussie Rules and Ron Clarke to athletics; a synonym.

This special interview may reveal some of his hitherto unknown sides and views.

SW: Only a few weeks ago you said, pretty emphatically, that you wouldn't go to Adelaide for any money. What made you change your mind?

RR: Money really wasn't my main consideration. West Adelaide has been after me for a couple of years — but Adelaide City was always the club I had in mind. So their offer came just at the right time. Still, it was an incredibly difficult decision to make, because of my house in Sydney and my involvement with Australian Soccer Camps at Dural. Adelaide City finished 10th in 1978 — and they can't let that happen again. I really believe the club has the greatest potential in Australia, with their new club premises and splendid ground. The team already has its own style, so I don't have to change much there. All I have to do is improve and polish certain aspects and departments.

SW: This is your seventh club as a coach, don't you think it's too many?

RR: That was during 11 seasons. Look, my attitude used to be to achieve success at any price, in the shortest possible time. The philosophy of a great coach, "Tchik" Cajkovsky, was "one club per year". Over a short course it's easier to get success than over a longer period of time. You don't have to plan a program for three or four years. On a short assignment, you buy what is needed for success; over some years you get deeply involved in all aspects: financial, juniors, organisations, etc. This is why I became so attached to Marconi where, I feel, I developed a whole concept.

SW: You like talking of success. How is it possible that in Sydney you have never been able to win a single championship?

RR: I won a championship in Melbourne with JUST. I always want to win any championship, any cup that's available, even friendly matches; I hate to lose even practice matches. In Sydney I came close to the title three times: with Marconi in 1973 when we led by a point before the last round and then lost out to a much classier side. Of course, we should have won the PSL in both 1977 and 1978. In 1973 Marconi lacked enough personalities at moments of crisis to win the title. In the last two years I had too many ordinary players. Still, the team played like a well-oiled machine — for a while.

SW: But you were leading by six points at the halfway mark?

RR: Yes, there is no excuse for our lapse. I don't want to offend the Marconi club, which is truly great, but a combination of events between the board, soccer committee and myself came into play. There was too much friction within the club.

SW: When did that start?

RR: It never stopped since I came back to Marconi from Pan Hellenic, in 1975, and progressively got worse. A few officials were strongly against me. We never had a relaxed, honest approach in the club. The players were well aware of this tension and at one stage we had a serious split in the team involving several players.

SW: Was your departure a stormy one?

RR: At the end, I was on a

\$500 bond if I said anything publicly against what they called the "interests" of the club. So I said nothing to anybody — and kept the \$500. This happened after the Shame-Degney business.

SW: You were roundly criticised for your action there. Do you feel you made a mistake?

RR: The decision concerning Shame and Degney was the club's, not just mine. I knew the rules inside out and I told the club that what we were about to do was technically right but morally wrong. I said we're four points in front, what should we do? Four of the officials said "go ahead". After that, when we won the court case, some of them even celebrated. When we were leading the championship I was always right; as soon as we lost our lead I was wrong. Then I was left on my own. The \$10,000 Grand Final bonus the club offered to the players was the greatest insult in my career — I had to read about this in the newspapers.

SW: Did that affect the team?

RR: I don't want to use that as an excuse. But if you have a well-run team where things go right, you'd never offer an extra \$10,000 bonus. I felt it was also very bad publicity for a team trying to buy the Grand Final. If you can't win it, buy it. This disappointed me enormously as I really had deep feelings for the club; I saw my future there, and even bought property close to it.

SW: Before you left Marconi, it was reported that the directors would retain you regardless of the wishes of the soccer committee.

RR: Well, I even have a letter from them telling me to disregard any instruction from that committee. But a day before the club's annual meeting, the two warring sides got together and hammered out a compromise — which meant they'd let me go. I was to be general manager and Raul Blanco coach. Then they changed their mind.

SW: Will you live in Adelaide?

RR: Of course. It would be an insult to such a great club if I was commuting from some other place. The rest of the family will join me next month and I'll buy a house.

SW: What's the term of your contract?

RR: Three years, but first it's for a year with option for renewal on my part. But I hope it will be the three years if not more, otherwise I wouldn't move to Adelaide just to fool around. I like long terms because I always look at the job not just to be a coach but a creator. When I see players like Shame and Degney, I see myself in them. I don't join a club which has a vacant position but which has potential.

SW: In Adelaide City, you will link up with John Perin, whose international career ended in 1970 when you dropped him from the Socceroos. How do you feel about that?

RR: I think he's a great player, one of our greatest; one of the first things I want to do is to have a huge portrait of Perin in the clubhouse, an example to today's youngsters. But I still say I was right in 1970. Perin, then only about 20, didn't want to or couldn't play what I asked of him. I never doubted his talent, only his contribution to the national team. But we've always been friends and few people admire his skill more than I do. He's part of Adelaide City's traditions. I want to talk the club into engaging

somebody to compile and write the history of the club as St. George did.

SW: Do you feel Adelaide City has to be strengthened?

RR: A coach knows the ability of his players only once he has worked with them. But I still have some notions about Adelaide City. Flair and beauty sometimes are used in the wrong direction. Adelaide City certainly has its own style and pattern of play, like St. George used to and as Footscray has. Adelaide City has potential and should produce much more than it has.



Rale Rasic — new city, new hopes.

SW: Do you regard yourself as the most professional coach in Australia?

RR: I'm no angel and never want to be one; I will probably go with the rest of the world — down ... But I'm a professional and really believe that ahead of all others. In every club I regard it as my main task to bring success at all levels. Adelaide City is now \$60,000 in the red. Ask Charlie Caruso at the end of 1979 how they went financially.

SW: In 1979, when Shoulder's term was coming to an end, many people suggested your comeback. Did you apply for the position?

RR: No. I had discussions with Sir Arthur George but I also met the directors of the Marconi club and I assured them that I would never accept the position.

SW: Why did you then pretend that you were interested in the job with the ASF?

RR: I have a public image and had to keep it. My interview with Sir Arthur lasted two minutes. Two minutes, that's all. I knew that it would be the greatest hypocrisy for the ASF to give me the job after the differences we had. In 1977, when I was interviewed before Shoulder got the job, an executive of the ASF asked me what I know about junior coaching. My reply was do you want a junior coach or somebody to take the team to Argentina?

SW: There were many stories about your demands in 1974. What was your salary and bonus then as World Cup coach?

RR: My bonus was double of what the players got — so it should have been \$4000. But I got only \$3000. There was no contract, it was a verbal agreement. In the first two years I had \$2000 as a retainer, in the third and fourth years \$3000. On the 1970 world tour I was on \$110 a week, the players on \$70. In 1971 and 1972 it was increased. Now, one question which is seldom asked: how much did we lose by not making Argentina?

SW: What's happening to your network of Australian Soccer camps now that you go to Adelaide?

RR: They'll continue; I have some 30 excellent coaches in all cities available. We just finished a camp in Adelaide and will have another one in May. The camps will also continue in Sydney, at Dural, where I'll retain an interest. Raul Blanco and Attila Abonyi will run the courses in Sydney.

SW: What's your opinion about our forthcoming World Cup bid?

RR: Rudi Gutendorf was appointed at the right time. He has everything to work on except a system. I succeeded Joe Vlasits in 1970 and he left good foundations for me to work on, I inherited a lot of mature players from him and all I had to do was add a bit here and there. Gutendorf has got the demolished bunker after the war — there is no national team. The question now is, how fast he'll develop this under-19 team. I hope he will succeed as he really gives youth all the opportunities and, for the time being anyway, is getting all the necessary means from the ASF.

APIA FACES ROUGH SOLO

APIA, once the giants of Sydney soccer, are almost certain to become fully-fledged members of the Philips League.

ASF president Sir Arthur George said the matter would go to his League Committee and was "pretty certain" to be approved.

Meanwhile, the NSW Federation is considering whether it should press to have the PSL berth, vacated by Western Suburbs, declared open.

President Karl Rodny said he would discuss the matter with his executive this week.

Last week's shock announcement that Western Suburbs would pull out of the Philips League and scrap its three-month-old partnership with APIA sent soccer's seismographs madly off course.

According to reports, Western Suburbs has an accumulated deficit which would have made it tough for them to continue in the PSL.

However, newly appointed secretary-manager Bob Weymouth said this week that the Western Suburbs Club at Five Dock was in no danger of collapsing.

"Professional soccer costs are escalating continuously," he said. "You must look at basics and ask yourself how long can you continue to absorb these costs?"

"You must also wonder whether our members and supporters needed a team in the PSL, considering that Wests were the worst supported club."

Bob Weymouth said his club would continue in soccer at a junior level — and not just with one under-13 team, as reported in the daily press.

"We'll work out a program shortly but I expect we'll have junior teams up to 19 this year, though not in the NSW Federation."

APIA president Nick Papallo said there was nothing shady in APIA's take-over of Western Suburbs' share in the partnership.

"We wanted to buy them out last year but were rejected. Then we tried to establish a partnership and even that succeeded only after lengthy negotiations."

"I cannot see why the PSL wouldn't accept us on our own. Our partnership in October, 1978, was legal and approved by the ASF."

"Our detailed submission, a condition of this partnership, was duly submitted to the ASF and accepted."

"Now you tell me what we have done wrong! Western Suburbs' decision to pull out came out of the blue when I received a phone call from Albert de Paoli. He was in tears."

"So we decided to go ahead on our own. We'll pay Wests \$60,000 for their share of the players."

"We would prefer to play as APIA in 1979 but we are flexible about it."

"Also, we would like to revert back to the original APIA colors, but if the PSL insists, we'll wear the new green-white-red strip."

It's worth remembering that Western Suburbs emerged as a major soccer power by buying out the now defunct Sydney Austral several years ago.

They were also the first Australian soccer club to engage a number of fulltime apprentice professionals, a brave experiment which floundered two years later.

Wests' greatest problem has always been its inability to draw spectators.

Despite the efforts of their social club, the people of the district simply ignored Wests — even when they were one of Australia's top teams.

What about APIA? Ex-president Jim Bayutti was always one of the great proponents of a national league, and, in 1976, the club signed the original manifesto establishing the league.

A few months later, as a result of an internal squabble, APIA withdrew its application.

Following a bitter election campaign Bayutti triumphed again over his opposition — then packed it in and vanished from the scene.

In 1977 and 1978, the once mighty APIA lost almost its entire support: the disenfranchised fans, used to tastier fare, simply ignored them in the State League.

Now they will have the uphill task of luring their hiding fans back to the terraces — and for this they will need a winning team.

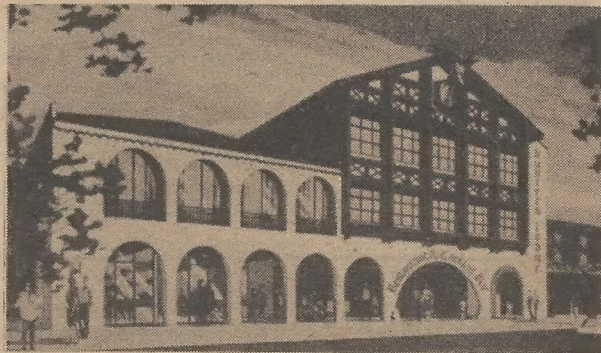
AC Milan's ex-Italian international (32 caps) Fabio Capello, 32, reportedly available at a fee of \$40,000, could create the necessary aura of new enthusiasm APIA needs.

It's sad to see, even temporarily, the departure of Western Suburbs; one can only hope that they'll bounce back soon into senior soccer.

Meanwhile, let's also hope, for the sake of Australian soccer, that APIA's re-entry into this elite orbit will improve the overall standard and crowd appeal of the PSL.

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AMPOL CUP 1979



OLYMPIC 2(1)

OLYMPIC: Meier, G. Allan, Luckett (Ainslie 46m.), Bell, Wilson, Cross, Laing (Botham 81m.), Raskopoulos, Jamieson, Eaton, McIntosh.

Goals: 0-1 Mihajlovic (7m.), 1-1 Eaton (41m.), 2-1 Eaton (91m.).
Referee: R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 3000. **Sent-off:** Duarte.

YUGAL 1(1)

YUGAL: Berry, Radovac, E. Duarte, Prgomelja, Klemperer, Purac, Tanoski, Travini, Karanfilovski, Gallifio, Mihajlovic.

A surprisingly composed and skilled Yugall went down only in injury time in a match they could have even won. At no stage did Olympic look like a team of a different class and only the brilliant dashes and long range shots of young Raskopoulos — a replica of Germany's Bonhof — and the superb opportunism of newly signed Eaton saved them the day. McIntosh, alternating between the left wing and central striker, looked like a whale in a tight fishbowl, while the de-

fence was often exposed to the devilishly clever Yugall attacks, mainly inspired by Mihajlovic and Karanfilovski. It's a pity that Lorenc saw fit to send off Duarte for his first offence, having earlier ignored a 10-minute fighting and kicking duel between McIntosh and Prgomelja. All three goals were fine individual efforts, the best perhaps Mihajlovic's, a zig-zagging solo run crowned with a fine shot.

— A. Dettre

MARRICKVILLE 2(1)

MV OLYMPIC: Evans, Kable, H. Xipolitas, Penman, Sheldrick, Williams, Thompson, Zeros (Bosganos 80m.), Brown, Bryden (Balafas 65m.), Ramage.

Goals: 1-0 Williams (38m. pen.), 1-1 Xipolitas (44m. o.g.), 2-1 Bryden (53m.), 2-2 Parkin (62m.).
Referee: D. Rennie. **Crowd:** 1761.

REVESBY 2(1)

REVESBY WORKERS: Childs, Gill, Thorpe, Copas, Adams, Paterson, Prior, Watson, Parkin, Byles, Howard (Thomas 55m.).

Both sides looked fitter than might have been expected, and as a result the football produced was also more fluent. Admittedly the game was patchy, with long periods when neither side looked dominant, but when they went forward both teams did so with some measure of purpose. Marrickville were spearheaded by new striker Joey Ramage, who was busy, while at the back they had Zeros and Sheldrick pushing forward. Sheldrick in particular was outstanding, combining

with midfielders and strikers in some dazzling passing sorties. However, Olympic were never able to totally subdue Revesby, who fought back with great courage to draw level twice. Veteran striker Greg Byles had a large hand in the performance of this team, prompting and creating numerous chances. Of the four goals, Bryden's was perhaps the most noteworthy, being a "scoop shot" after a fine cross from Terry Thompson.

— S. Dettre

APIA 2(0)

APIA: Woodhouse, Skellern, Wilson, Carruthers, Rowden, Turnbull, Butler, O'Donnell, Montgomery, Samuels (Drewes 58m.), Vernon.

Goals: 1-0 O'Donnell (57m.), 1-1 Izatt (78m.), 2-1 Montgomery (80m.).
Referee: T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 2800 (double-header).

TOONGABBIE 1(0)

TOONGABBIE: James, Finch, Pointer, Parkhouse, Millar (Wilson 73m.), Hormazabal, De Valle, Reilly, Izatt, Ortega, Pollard.

Young goalkeeper Bruce James made a great fist of his debut in top division football when he held APIA at bay at Marconi Oval. Eric Carruthers was in great touch and won the midfield for APIA to give his side complete control of the game. But despite the display of Carruthers and the rest of the team they were held by young James with his brilliant saves and superb

positional play. John Vernon had one of his best games, stretching the Toongabbie defence almost at will with some exceptionally accurate passes. For Toongabbie, Laurie Parkhouse in defence and Carlos Ortega in attack put in a good effort in a match which APIA certainly deserved to win by a much bigger margin.

— C. Spiteri

KU-RING-GAI 1(0)

KU-RING-GAI: Ellis, Turner, Geekie, Malone, Robertson, Milne, Lee (Lyall 30m.), Chambers, Kinsey, Voudsen, Smith (Martin 70m.).

Goals: Milne, Kodor.
Referee: G. King. **Crowd:** 2800 (double-header).

AVALA 1(0)

AVALA: Mikolajczyk, Krezja, Deller, Barton, R. Griffith, Kasumovic (Millavanovic 68m.), Patterson (Jancek 70m.), Durisic, A. Griffiths, Rnjak, Kodor.

Ku-ring-gai, in their opening game in the top division, did well to draw with more experienced Avala. The background of Frank Malone and Billy Milne and the talent of Alan Robertson held their side together, with some hard tackling which cut off the danger threatened by the Avala forwards. Despite distinct superiority in methods and skills, Avala failed to press their advantage through poor,

finishing. Zoran Durisic and Brank Kodor had their opponents in all sorts of trouble whenever they gained possession. They displayed some superb ball control, which unfortunately always ended in high and wide shots at goal. Maybe the poor shooting was the product of lack of condition, which seemed to be the case throughout the team.

— C. Spiteri

BANKSTOWN 0

BANKSTOWN: Greedy, Thompson, C. Rootsey, Lembryk, Williams, Morrison (Gould 46m.), Butler, Lee, Angelopoulos, Quigley (Mason 65m.), Tansley.

Goals: 0-1 Jankovics (50m.), 0-2 Vieri (67m.), 0-3 Vieri (72m.), 0-4 Selvage (84m.), 0-5 Sharne (88m.).
Referee: M. Roberts. **Crowd:** 716 (double-header).

MARCONI 5(0)

MARCONI: Maher, Jones (Brogan 46m.), Degney, Russell, Prskalo, Henderson, Selvage, Vieri, Jankovics, Mariani, Sharne.

Marconi were not impressive until the second half when they took complete control against tiring Bankstown and showed all their class. Marconi, however, were never flat out. After the interval Bankstown allowed Roberto Vieri plenty of room to move, and he was the mainspring of all the dangerous movements. Tony Henderson did not appear

happy as a midfielder, and to show his best it seems that he needs to play in defence, playing the role that made his reputation in Canberra in 1978. Bankstown have good new players in Englishmen John Lee and Derek Mason, and when they are fully fit they should help Bankstown to move away from the wrong end of the table.

— R. Dewick

MONARO 2(0)

MONARO: Palec, Heywood, De Paoli, O'Neill, Coulter, Bourke, Fay, Refojos (Valeri 46m.), Giampaolo, Trajonoski, J. Morsello (Arispon 55m.).

Goals: 1-0 Giampaolo (50m.), 1-1 Tracey (58m. pen.), 1-2 Tracey (80m. pen.), 2-2 W. Valeri (81m. pen.).
Referee: H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 716 (double-header). **Sent-off:** Earl.

ARNCLIFFE 2(0)

ARNCLIFFE: Rodgers, Butler, F. Hall, Butcher (Santa Rosa 57m.), Smart, Earl, Al Piggott, Bankhead, Blackburn, Sidey (Roldan 57m.), Tracey.

Three penalties, five cautions and one send-off indicates of course a game in which more concern was given to the man than to playing soccer. Arncliffe might have thrown in the towel after Earl received his marching orders in the 30th minute, but Monaro kept trying to force a way through the middle instead of spreading 10 men wide and making use of the open spaces. Even after Monaro went into the lead they still refused to wilt, and after Tracey scored from a thrice-taken penalty kick Arncliffe looked the better side.

With a full team they could have taken both points. Ian Heywood stood out in the Monaro team and his pushing forward into attack was the main thorn in the Arncliffe defence. This was particularly so when Valeri began to pick up with Giampaolo. Frank Hall did much the same job for Arncliffe in attack, but he had less striking power to work with up front, which blunted the effect of his damaging runs.

— R. Dewick

MANLY 1(1)

MANLY: Cassettari, Mouttet, Doyle, Dick, Harpur, Geoghegan, Roozendaal, Jack, Banks, West (Nawalu 78m.), Stuart.

Goals: 1-0 Jack (43m.), 1-1 Cotton (62m.), 1-2 Duarte (74m.).
Referee: T. Davies. **Crowd:** 5682 (double-header).

ST GEORGE 2(0)

ST GEORGE: Coe, M. O'Shea, Utjesenovic, Harris, R. O'Shea, Grosse, Hensman (Morgan 46m.), J. O'Shea, Duarte, Cotton, O'Connor (Gnani 72m.).

Although completely overshadowed by the speed and craft of the St. George side, Manly lacked nothing in heart. Indeed, against all odds and thanks to a colossal goalkeeping display by Chris Cassettari, they surprised by leading 1-0 at the break. Cassettari, despite a nose injury that resulted in frequent bleeding, gave a first class exhibition. Bruce Doyle and Rob Mouttet supported him well, but it was left to talented David Jack to hold and use the ball with an ease that will surely make him

one of the stars of the 1979 State League. Saints showed the value of regular training through the closed season. Roy Cotton, the ex-Orient and Aldershot player, showed some of the touches that reminded one of Arsenal's current Irish star, Liam Brady, and should improve with a little more time in the team. Dennis Duarte, the other scorer along with Cotton, played his part quiet well also.

— K. Gilmour

CROATIA 0

CROATIA: Watson, Basic, Cagalj, Mullen (A. Kovacic 46m.), Smith, Vidacic, Sullivan, Savor, Abonyi, M. Kovacic, Cootes (Dudacic 74m.).

Goals: 0-1 McAusland (20m.), 0-2 R. Farrugia (89m.).
Referee: P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 5682 (double-header).

MELITA 2(1)

MELITA: Bracklow, Ververis, Mikas, Yamine, Hadley, Darvill, McGovern, McAusland, Jones (McPherson 65m.), R. Farrugia, J. Farrugia.

It would be interesting to know how many times the ball was played in this swift-moving game. Both teams, and more particularly the victorious Melita, used the ball with delightful ease, and the only facet of play that was really lacking was in the shooting department. Colin McAusland did his best in that regard, as in the 20th minute his swerving shot swung cleverly inside the far post from some 20 metres out. Actually it was the

type of goal that distinguished current Melita coach Raul Blanco in his heyday. Croatia were unfortunate to lose Peter Mullen following a knock in the first half. They came back in the second half to equal Melita for style and speed. Late in the game it was left to Roy Farrugia to put the issue beyond doubt. Credit must go to Howard Hadley, who looked every inch a worthwhile gain for the Eagles.

— K. Gilmour

GROUP A

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| APIA | 1 | — | — | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Avala | — | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Ku-ring-gai | — | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Sydney City | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Toongabbie | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | — |

GROUP B

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
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| Melita | 1 | — | — | 2 | — | 2 |
| St. George | 1 | — | — | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Granville | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Manly | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | — |
| Croatia | — | — | 1 | — | 2 | — |

GROUP C

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
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| Olympic | 1 | — | — | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Marrickville | — | 1 | — | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Revesby | — | 1 | — | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Auburn | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Yugall | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | — |

GROUP D

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| Marconi | 1 | — | — | 5 | — | 2 |
| Arncliffe | — | 1 | — | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Monaro | — | 1 | — | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Sutherland | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Bankstown | — | — | 1 | — | 5 | — |

Brisbane

— From Jim Binnie —

The much lauded sponsorship of Brisbane Lions with the fast food chain Kentucky Fried Chicken appears to have terminated with the departure for greener pastures of general manager David Young who has returned to California.

Young, a typical North American business tycoon, was aghast at the administrative set-up in Australian soccer, so it came as no real shock to find that the golden goose has gone barren for season '79.

To date there doesn't appear to be any glimmer on the sponsorship horizon, so the hard pressed Lions administration have a tough road ahead in 1979. Hopefully, they will prevail.

To make things worse, after fighting a losing battle with both national and State administrations for the right to use their own ground this coming season, Lions have had to embark upon a program of restraint and cost saving.

First to go was last year's coach, Gyula Vincze, whose place has been taken by player Eddie Spearritt, already a full-time employee of the club in a fund raising capacity.

The move will obviously save money as Spearritt will in fact be doing three jobs for the club at no great increase in cost.

Jin Hermiston and Roddy McKenzie, both experienced professionals, have been co-opted to assist Spearritt in the coaching function, this move, hopefully, giving concentrated coaching to a proposed "small" squad of around 30 players.

The club has no plans to import overseas talent, nor does their financial position allow for wholesale buying on the over-inflated home market.

However, most of last year's moderately successful squad has been retained, the exceptions being John Neale and the illness-plagued Geoff Morris who have returned to the UK.

Last year's skipper, George Potter, has crossed the town to join Brisbane City, and long-time servant, Paul Laslo, is transfer listed but has been attending voluntary pre-season training.

Even with these four gone, Lions' squad still has a workmanlike look about it and there is no doubt some of the youngsters on the books will gain motivation from the "thin looking" ranks.

Training does not start until January 22, but a trials program has begun so that local talent can be given a chance to show their style, but such is the feeling in Queensland it is doubtful if any worthwhile talent will be picked up by this ploy.

Already a likely candidate has been lost, not only to Lions, but to soccer.

Local striker Tony Brennan, upon hearing his transfer fee of \$6000, immediately hung up his boots at 22 and signed up with local rugby league side Wynnum-Manly. Such is the brotherhood of soccer, for Brennan's club, Southside Eagles, were a signatory to the "sister clubs" idea given much publicity last year by Lions' board of directors. With "friends" like that who needs enemies?

AMPOL CUP 1979

ADELAIDE

The second successive annual Summer Soccer School concluded at the Scotch College last week. The only other State to have attempted such a venture is West Australia. The week-long school was built around the ASF Senior Award Coaching Course and 23 top youngsters were selected by the SA Coaching Director, Mike Wells, to attend. The ASF senior award coaching course attracted 21 candidates. Queensland ASF Staff Coach Denis Ford and Ross Wesson, Tasmania North's regional coach, together with ASF Senior coach John Evans and Mike Wells, were the staff instructors for the coaching course. Eric Worthington, national director of coaching, arrived in the latter part of the week.

Former Adelaide City coach Edmund Krefth has been appointed manager-coach for the SA State team for the clash against Polish first division club Wisla at the Hindmarsh Stadium on February 13. ASF senior coach Peter Koulizos will assist Krefth.

Alex Hastings, former SASF president, officially opened the Sam Miskelly and John Garside owned premises "The Goal" Soccer shop recently. Over 50 guests attended the opening. The new address is 38 Twin Street, Adelaide.

On the PSL front, Adelaide City have signed two players, and one on a trial basis, to strengthen their squad for the opening season. A defender from Sydney Croatia, Bobby Russell, and Young Australian World Youth Cup member, John Spanos, 17, a fullback from Ascot, WA, have signed. Glenn Dods, 21, a New Zealander, also a defender, has had three years of experience of national league playing for Pt. Wellington and is on five weeks' trial with the club.

PSL champions West Adelaide have signed 21-year-old Garie Doley, a tall, elegant midfielder from Polonia, and Ian May, 18, from Whyalla Steel. Midfielder Gordon McCulloch is back in training with Westad.

ADELAIDE CUP

The Ampol Cup continues at Hindmarsh Stadium on Friday with Cumberland v Croatia at 7.30pm and West Adelaide v Elizabeth at 9.05pm. On Monday at 7.30pm ED Azzurri v Victoria, 9.05 Adelaide City v Polonia.

Marconi may lose the sponsorship of ROSSO ANTICO but are already negotiating with a likely successor.

Marconi's next test may be much tougher

— By Keith Gilmour —

With Roberto Vieri firing and ex-Canberra City man Tony Henderson settling in, five-star rating on Sunday goes to the Marconi-Monaro clash at Marconi Oval.

Toongabbie and Sydney City at Granville's Garside Park should also provide some of the day's fireworks.

The Demons, with young goalkeeper Bruce James proving himself in Peter Freeman's enforced absence, are in good form.

Sydney City have been minus John Stevenson and Eddie Thomson, so they have not had the chance to settle fully in their trials to date.

It is good to see Sutherland at home at Seymour Shaw to Marconi on Wednesday night.

Last Saturday's offering at the ground did not include the home team, and under those circumstances it was certain that the local fans would roll in.

In last week's opening round APIA confirmed that they are on the way back.

Melita's success at Croatia's expense before a great 6000 attendance at Garside Park was a welcome opener for the competition.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf called in at the ground. He was pleased with the display, and took time to indicate his pleasure to both contestants.



Peter Raskopoulos, of Olympic, a brilliant performance last week — a trip to Rio on Saturday.

APIA v KU-RING-GAI

Ku-ring-gai have struck a hard game at Garside Park, and will be depending greatly on their midfield to get a creditable result.

The old hands, player-coach Frank Malone and Billy Milne, have teamed up on each side of capable 19-year-old Alan Robertson, who looks to be one of Ku-ring-gai's finest products.

Jim Adam has a difficult job ahead to reach the cup quarter-finals, and in this game he needs two points and also a good workout for his players.

TOONGABBIE v SYDNEY CITY
Toongabbie, with their perfectly grassed arena, solid team and ambitions to represent the entire west of Sydney in Philips League, have the second toughest match running when they meet Sydney City.

City have six representatives in

a 21-man squad selected by Rudi Gutendorf for the match against Wisla of Poland on Sunday week.

It looks as if Laurie Parkhouse and the Gabbie defence are in for a torrid time.

BANKSTOWN v SUTHERLAND

Will it be the Bankstown who demolished Polonia and Revesby in the promotion play-offs, or the one that succumbed to Marconi in the first round of the Cup?

John Watkiss' Sutherland men have the advantage that they are a unit, whereas Bankstown are overcoming the 1978 horror stretch and gradually getting together a much more convincing team.

Craig Hall will already be off to South America with the Young Australia team, but his place can be well filled in what should be a narrow win for the Shire.

MARCONI v MONARO

Monaro are fortunate to catch Marconi at their settling-in stage.

If John Russell and Ivo Prskalo are to be the regular centre-backs, then can the team afford two defensive midfielders in Stuart Selva and Tony Henderson?

Monaro have a big sum on the head of Sebastian Giampaolo, \$15,000 to wit, and it will be seen whether he is worth that sort of money in this Marconi Oval clash — with opponents Marconi one of the bidders.

REVESBY v AUBURN

Having parted with both Andy Tracey and Derek Sidey, Auburn now have to prove that Tracey's

skills in particular will not be missed.

Revesby have caused trouble to their opponents this year, partly because Graham Parkins has been able to get goals.

Auburn have a definite edge in experience, and for that reason they should come out on top in what should be a hard-fought game.

MARRICKVILLE v YUGAL

Retention of Tom Mihajlovic by Yugal gives them a chance in this match.

Marrickville have held just about all their regulars except for Peter Katholos, who has moved on to St. George.

There should be little between the teams, so it could be another draw for Olympic.

MANLY v CROATIA

This is Croatia's chance to get into the running for a quarter-final position.

They are generally superior to

Manly as a football outfit, but they cannot afford to take anything for granted as Manly have assumed a better stance than has been the case for a couple of years.

Croatia's defence should be back to normal with Peter Mullen partnering Bruno Cagali, and this represents a challenge that Manly will find difficult to overcome.

ST GEORGE v GRANVILLE

It will be soon seen whether Granville have the fitness to tackle the Saints on their own pitch and come away with their reputation intact.

St. George expect more from their forwards Dennis Duarte and Ray Cotton as they settle in amongst the established players.

It seems that young Mike O'Shea is being groomed for a first team place, and if the team settles in at the back they will be a big problem for more than just the Granville boys.

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| Marconi v Sutherland | 7.15pm | Seymour Shaw |
| Manly v Granville | 7.30pm | Garside Park |
| St. George v Melita | 9.15pm | Garside Park |

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

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| APIA v Ku-ring-gai | 2.15pm | Garside Park |
| Toongabbie v Hakoah | 4.00pm | Garside Park |
| Bankstown v Sutherland | 2.15pm | Marconi Oval |
| Marconi v Monaro | 4.00pm | Marconi Oval |

MONDAY, JANUARY 29 (AUSTRALIA DAY)

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| Revesby v Auburn | 2.15pm | Garside Park |
| Marrickville v Yugal | 4.00pm | Garside Park |
| Manly v Croatia | 2.15pm | Barton Park |
| St. George v Granville | 4.00pm | Barton Park |

NEXT WEEK:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

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| Toongabbie v Avala | 7.30pm | Marconi Oval |
| APIA v Sydney City | 9.00pm | Marconi Oval |
| Revesby v Olympic | 7.30pm | Garside Park |
| Marrickville v Auburn | 9.00pm | Garside Park |

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Australian XI v Wisla Krakow (Poland) Sportsground

Ampol praised

NSW Federation president Karl Rodny paid tribute to Ampol at the official start of the Cup last week.

He said Ampol were soccer's oldest sponsors in Australia, having had an unbroken 22-year association with the game.

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And all this in 1979...

Rent-A-Loo is the latest "modern innovation" in Sydney soccer, courtesy of suburban Garside Park.

With some toilets out of order, the Granville club has hit on the idea of leasing half a dozen of these yellow-and-green cubicles, strategically adorning various areas and smelling like crowded stables.

One, gallantly, has been marked "ladies" and placed a few yards behind the gelato van — no doubt with some hidden significance.

To make it worse, Garside Park —

- had its only telephone out of order;

- has still not made even the most elementary effort to create Press facilities;

- boasts of a "loudspeaker" which either crackles or blares as the mood strikes it.

And this is one of the major grounds used for the NSW Ampol Cup, in the year of our Lord 1979.

Granville and perhaps also the local council should be ashamed of this rubbish heap, an insult to every civilised man's dignity.

Now we hear that the Granville club is considering an offer from some car dealers in nearby "Auto Alley" to change their name to Pararamatta City in return for sponsorship.

Some sentimentalists, with a feeling for our oldest surviving club (1888), are getting ready to fight the move.

Perhaps they shouldn't. If this is the best Granville has been able to muster in 91 years, it may be time for a change.

— A.D.

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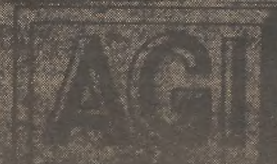
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PSL WEATHER REPORT

NEW PLAYERS

PLAYERS TRANSFERRED

Apia

Lee Adams, 21, midfield, Kiev Perth.
Roy Clayton, 27, striker, Kettering (UK).
Richard Dixey, 23, defender, Kettering (UK).

St. George

Mike Fraser, 22, goalie, from APIA.
Peter Katholos, 18, midfield, from Marrickville.
Roy Cotton, 22, striker, from Aldershot.
Rodolfo Della Picca, 25, central defender, Deportivo Italiano, Buenos Aires.
Stefan Matic, 26, midfielder, Bolivia (La Paz), ex-Sparta Rotterdam and Vojvodina.
Nigel Groome, 20, midfielder, Everton.
Denis Duarte, 22, Madeira (Sydney amat.).

Mike Fraser, St George.
Bobby Fryer, Wollongong.
Clive Eaton, Olympic.

Harry Williams, to Canberra City.
Ralph Coates, to Leyton Orient.
Zoran Djuricic, to Avala.
Carlos Mendez, to Spain.

Marconi

Tony Henderson, defender, Canberra City.
John Santolin, defender, Inter Monaro.
Eddie Krncevic, striker, from Essendon (Vic.).

Peter Ollerton, probably Preston, Vic.
Jimmy Rooney, Fitzroy.
Ray Richards, free transfer.

Sydney City

Marcos Venicio de Assunsao Silva, 21, midfield.
Mozart Xavier de Fonseca, 21, defender.
Cornelio Machado Borges, 21, striker
(all three from Esporte Clube Marica, Rio, Brazil).
Joe Fletcher, 31, striker (returnee).

Four on transfer list.

Olympic

Clive Eaton, striker, Western Suburbs.

None as yet.

Newcastle

Ian Seddon, 28, midfielder, from Bolton, England.
Graham Heys, 22, winger, from Altrincham, England.
David Jones, 22, midfielder, from Macclesfield.

Bill Amej, on transfer list.
Slav Catalovski, returned to Austral United.

Canberra

Mile Smith, 21, midfield, from Stoke City.
Isaac Farrell, 20, midfield, from Motherwell.
Harry Williams, 27, defender, from St George.
Steve Hoszowski, 26, goalie, from Auburn.
Bill Stewart, 25, midfield, from Croatia, Perth.

Ron Tilsed, goalkeeper on transfer.
Ian Heywood, to Monaro.
Ken Henderson, on transfer.
Tony Henderson, to Marconi.
Gary Parker, to UK (on transfer).
Greg Willett, on transfer.

Bris. Lions

None as yet.

George Potter, to Brisbane City.
John Neale, returned to UK.
Geoff Morris, returned to UK.

Brisb. City

George Potter, 31, defender, from Brisbane Lions.
Kevan Lowe, 26, striker, from Montrose, Scotland.

None as yet.

Sth. Melb.

Peter Laumets, goalkeeper, from Preston (Vic.).
Ken Drayford, midfielder, from Bromsgrove (Worcestershire).
Tony Turner, fullback, from Hednesford Town.

Peter Vaughan, stopper, to Juventus.
Billy Bergmann, stopper, back to Sweden.
John Hansen, goalkeeper, back to Sweden.

Footscray

Radosan Jovicic, 26, stopper, from OFK Belgrade.
Zoran Todorovic, 25, midfielder, from Red Star Belgrade.
Slobodan Jovanovic, midfielder, from Red Star Belgrade.
Paul Hyne, 20, fullback, born Cornwall, last season with Bremerhaven, German second division.
Steve Carpenter, 21, from Norwich City.
Steve Potter, 22, goalkeeper, Swansea City.

Two on transfer list.

Fitzroy

Jimmy Rooney, midfielder, from Marconi.
Geoff Olver, goalkeeper, on free transfer from Albion Rovers.

Peter Blasby, goalkeeper, destination unknown.

Adel. City

John Spanos, 18, fullback, from Ascot (Perth).
Glenn Dods, 23, fullback, from Mount Wellington.
Bobby Russell, 23, fullback, from Sydney Croatia.

Two on transfer list.

West Adel.

Garie Dooley, 21, midfielder, from Adelaide Polonia.
Gordon McCulloch, 24, midfielder, rejoined from Floriat Athena (Perth).
Ian May, 18, fullback, from Steel United (Whyalla).
Luis Pivetta, 16, goalkeeper, from Perth Azzurri.

Lacki Vagianos, 28, stopper, for Tasmania.

YOUNG STARS' "GOLDEN LEGS"

Players in the Young Australia team have been insured for a total of \$180,000 — \$10,000 each — before leaving for South America.

If any of them suffers an injury which ends his career, his club stands to receive \$10,000 compensation.

Players in the Socceroo squad are now insured for \$15,000 a man.

The insurance was taken out with R.E. Bott Insurance Brokers, Melbourne, who last year launched a universal soccer insurance scheme.

With several refinements, this scheme is now spreading throughout Australia.

In Queensland, Western Australia and the ACT, it has become compulsory, in Victoria and Northern NSW it is "highly recommended" by the Federations.

The scheme has the support of the Australian Soccer Federation, which has been concerned over the continued request for help by players injured on the field — and not covered by insurance.

The ASF has asked all club managers to accept responsibility for the protection of their players and take out this insurance scheme.

The brokers provide public liabilities for clubs; one of these is the "transfer fee cover".

If a club spends a lot of money on a player who then gets badly injured, ending his career, up to \$15,000 can be recouped.

Each club can then decide what insurance cover they require for each team and by purchasing additional premium units what level of benefits they desire.

For example, there are five events in which insurance cover is available: death or total and irrecoverable loss of sight or limbs, permanent disablement, temporary disablement, temporary disablement of paid players and reimbursement of medical expenses (excess \$10).

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EUROPEAN CLUB DRAWS

First leg: March 7
Second leg: March 21

European Cup: Wisla Krakow (Poland) v Malmoe FF (Sweden); FC Cologne (West Germany) v Rangers (Scotland); Nottingham Forest (England) v Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland); Austria Wien (Austria) v Dinamo Dresden (East Germany).

Cup Winners' Cup: FC Magdeburg (East Germany) v Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia); Inter Milan (Italy) v SK Beveren (Belgium); Fortuna Duesseldorf (West Germany) v Servette Geneva (Switzerland); Ipswich Town (England) v FC Barcelona (Spain).

European Football Union (UEFA) Cup: Hertha Berlin (West Germany) v Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia); Honved Budapest (Hungary) v MSV Duisburg (West Germany); Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) v West Bromwich Albion (England); Manchester City (England) v Borussia Moenchengladbach (West Germany).

LUCKY 21

Rudi Gutendorf has selected a squad of 21 players to prepare for a match against the champion team of Poland, Wisla, in Sydney on Sunday, February 4.

M. Barnes (Sydney City), K. Boden (Newcastle), V. Bozanic (West Adelaide), T. Clarke (Sydney City), P. Degney (Marconi), M. Fraser (St. George), S. Giampaolo (Monaro), T. Henderson (Marconi), M. Jankovics (Marconi), J. Piciaone (Footscray), K. Mullen (Sydney City), P. O'Connor (St. George), S. O'Connor (Sydney City), J. O'Shea (St. George), R. Russell (Adelaide City), K. Schumann (Sutherland), P. Sharne (Marconi), A. Silva (Sydney City), I. Souness (Sydney City), I. Stone (Croatia Sydney), D. Jones (West Adelaide).

Coach of the team is Les Scheinflug (Marconi), assistant is Raul Blanco (Melita).

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Holland ranked as Europe's No. 1

Holland has been named as Europe's best team in 1978 by "France Football", one of the world's leading soccer magazines.

The Dutch played 14 matches, winning nine and losing three — and of the three defeats the only one that "counted" was in the World Cup final, against Argentina, in extra time.

The only other time when Holland was ranked as No. 1 was in 1974, when they shared that spot with world champions West Germany.

Italy, with an excellent World Cup showing, deserve their second place: 14 matches for seven wins and four defeats, two of them in friendlies, is a very sound performance.

England's third place is not really surprising. Although they were not at the World Cup, under Ron Greenwood they staged a remarkable come-back: nine games, only one defeat (a friendly in Munich against West Germany), triumph in the British Championship and good wins over Hungary, Denmark and Czechoslovakia.

Poland have equalled their best previous placings (of 1972 and 1974), Spain and France have maintained their high rating but the West Germans have nosedived to their second lowest place since 1963 (exception: 8th in 1973).

The malady of the USSR continues: their rankings in the last three years have been 10, 12 and 10.

The Scots are still fairly well placed — despite the Cup fiasco — but the Swedes continue their malfunctioning.

The "failure story" of the year was written in the Eastern Bloc countries.

Czechoslovakia, ranked 2nd in 1976, have zoomed down to 11th, East Germany went from 7th to 16th, Yugoslavia, for the third year running, have failed to make the top 15 and Hungary have had their worst ever international season and lowest rating, due to two wins and six defeats in eight games.

Holland, Italy and Poland played the most matches (14 apiece) and Malta was the most frugal, with one (a 7-0 loss to Wales).

A record high of 159 internationals were played by Europeans (previous high: 152 in 1966 and 1974), 85 of them friendlies. The abandoned (fog) West Germany v Hungary game (0-0) is not included in the lists.

This is the France Football ranking of 1978.

1. Holland
2. Italy
3. England & Poland
5. Spain & France
7. West Germany
8. Austria & Portugal
10. USSR
11. Czechoslovakia
12. Scotland & Sweden
14. Wales & Ireland
16. East Germany & Belgium
18. Eire
19. Rumania
20. Greece & Yugoslavia
22. Denmark
23. Hungary
24. Switzerland
25. Bulgaria
26. Finland
27. Norway
28. Turkey
29. Iceland
30. Cyprus & Luxembourg



Holland's captain Arie Haan attacking West German goalie Sepp Maier during the World Cup.

BIG SCORES IN SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina's brilliant teenage star Diego Maradona is leading his country's assault on the South American Youth championships, now being held in Montevideo.

The series also serves as a qualifier for the Coca-Cola/FIFA Youth World Cup finals.

The two group winners will automatically qualify for the finals in Japan next June — while the winner of the third-place tie joins Australia and Israel in a further play-off.

Argentina and Uruguay in Group A are home and hosed — but the winner will be known only after presstime.

For Argentina, even a draw would be enough.

In the other group the situation is much more confused.

If Colombia beats Chile — as expected — they are either first or second in their group.

For Paraguay, even a draw against Brazil will be enough to get through.

Results so far:

Group A:
Uruguay v Ecuador 5-0
Argentina v Peru 4-0
Argentina v Ecuador 5-0
Uruguay v Peru 3-0

Group B:
Paraguay v Chile 6-0
Colombia v Brazil 2-1
Brazil v Chile 1-0
Colombia v Bolivia 5-1
Paraguay v Colombia 5-0
Brazil v Bolivia 1-0

Matches to come:
Group A: Ecuador v Peru; Uruguay v Argentina.

Group B: Chile v Colombia; Paraguay v Bolivia; Brazil v Paraguay; Bolivia v Chile.

Results by courtesy of Coca-Cola.

A two-man FIFA Committee will arrive in Sydney in mid-February.

FIFA vice-president Henry Cavan of Ireland and technical expert Sepp Blatter will spend about two weeks here visiting major cities.

Their main task is to inspect our facilities to ensure that Australia is capable of staging the 1981 Coca-Cola FIFA World Youth Cup.

• Glasgow Rangers lost \$50,000 last season despite winning the Scottish title, Cup and Leagues Cup, mainly because of their spending on new players.

• OK, you Liverpool fans, here's something to argue about: according to London's excellent "Shoot" magazine, this is Liverpool's all-time best side: Clemence; Smith, Hughes, Yeats, Lambert; Callaghan, Keegan, St. John; Dalglish, Hunt, Liddell.

• Former Leeds and Scotland captain Billy Bremner is the new manager of Doncaster Rovers.

• Hertha Berlin's debt now amounts to \$1,300,000 and nobody knows how to reduce it. The people of Berlin are just not soccer-minded at present: even against the crack Monchengladbach the crowd was only 30,000 while in the UEFA Cup against Esbjerg a mere 3500 "filled" the vast Olympic stadium.

• Ron Atkinson, manager of West Bromwich Albion, describes his colored striker Laurie Cunningham as the "new George Best". Cunningham was signed for a mere \$160,000 last year from Orient.

• Martin Peters, 35, has a contract with Norwich until 1981 after which he wants to become a coach and manager. Meanwhile, his former West Ham and England mate Bobby Moore cannot find a suitable club to manage.

• Herry Gregg, one of the best goalies in the world in the 1950s, has returned to Manchester United as a coach of goalies. Gregg was one of the survivors of the Munich air disaster with United.

• The new coach of the Belgian FC Bruges is Andras Beres, once, in the 1940s, team-mate of Puskas in the Kispest club and more recently one of the top licensed agents in Europe.

• In a typical demonstration of self-flagellation, the West German magazine "Kicker" in its semi-annual poll has declared that the entire Bundesliga hasn't got one world class player — apart from Englishman Kevin Keegan.

• Lanerossi Vicenza's brilliant ace Paolo Rossi has recovered his World Cup form — and has been promptly renamed "Pablito", Paolo's Spanish equivalent.

• George Best, now suspended by FIFA for breaking various contracts, has opened a pub, "Best's", in Hollywood — specialising in warm English beer.

• We thought these things only happen in Moscow: Artemio Franchi received 3050 of the 3085 votes for the Italian presidency. Probably a search is being made for the dissenters...

• For the first time since 1967, there is no Dutch team left in the quarterfinals of the three Euro-Cups.

• Rumors have it that Dr. Peter Krohn, the dismissed manager of Hamburg and former boss of Rudi Gutendorf, may become Hamburg's new president, in which case he would promptly sack manager Gunter Netzer, an old foe. Who said only Aussie soccer had intrigues?

• Johan Neeskens will leave Barcelona at the end of the season, probably joining an Italian club.

• Better than ever: that's the opinion of many Italian journalists of Gianni Rivera, the AC Milan star, now 36 and every year on the verge of final retirement.

• The two great Italian clubs, Juventus and Inter, are fighting for the signature of the brilliant French ace, Michel Platini, for the 1979-1980 season and thereafter.

• Ex-Italian ace Luigi Riva: "The only great player I ever knew was Pele." Not very pleasant for other claimants...

• The internal strifes of Bayern continue. Coach Gyula Lorant is on "sick leave" (but is most unlikely to return to the helm, having been succeeded by his assistant, Paul Csernai). Gerd Muller has announced his retirement in May and Sepp Maier may follow. Meantime, Lorant isn't talking to Breitner, Breitner to Muller, Kappelmann to Lorant and more recently Muller to president Neudecker.

• That old Austrian wanderer Max Merkel is back in Germany, this time as technical director of struggling Nurnberg.

• "If our coach quits, I'll quit, too," said last year's Munchen 1860's president Dr. Riedl, also a Member of Parliament (Bundestag). Well, last month the coach, Heinz Lucas, quit — but Dr. Riedl is still president.

• Claudio Coutinho has been confirmed in his position as manager of Brazil until 1982 — which means any length of time, of course.

• Birmingham's Argentinian star Tarantini, originally on a three-month trial period, has signed a three-year contract with the Midlands club.

• Things are looking bad in the Dutch second division. There have been many attendances of less than 1,000 — FC Amsterdam had just 500 supporters at a recent game. FC Dordrecht have even gone out of business; they haven't been able to pay their players' wages for three months and the Dutch FA have settled this bill.

• Spanish club Real Zaragoza have been calling emergency meetings in a bid to resolve the club's embarrassing financial problems. Even though gate receipts totalled over \$1.5m in the first three months of the season, Zaragoza still haven't managed to pay off their outstanding debts from last year.

• Michel Platini, the French ace of AC Nancy, has recovered from his injury (broken leg) and will start playing again.

• Sweden will switch its championship matches to Mondays and Thursdays in order to keep weekends free for their fans.

• Even the Athens Press is becoming a bit suspicious of the "lucky" run of favorite sons Olympiakos. Against Etnikos, Apollon and Panathinaikos they won with penalties and after several opponents had been sent off. "We must watch these referees now," said AEK president Loukas Barlos, "before they win the title for Olympiakos."

• Former Leicester striker Roger Davies will join the American Tulsa Roughnecks.

• Veteran Norman Hunter, aged 35, now with Bristol City, has played his 850th League and Cup match.

• "How do you want to keep order in the soccer stadium of a city where about 200 people get injured by missiles every time there is a fiesta?" asks Napoli president M. Ferlaino.

• Iranian defender Eskandarian has joined Cosmos — his transfer fee was a modest \$10,000 compared with Marinho's \$300,000.

• Argentina's World Cup captain Daniel Passarella has joined the US club Washington Diplomats. His club, River Plate, has collected a cool \$1,300,000 for him. He started training with the Americans earlier this week.

• Rivelino, now playing in Saudi Arabia, has invested his signing on fee in a chain of 30 service stations in Rio and, with an Arab partner, now plans to build a refinery, too.

• Yugoslav star Kustudic may join Tommy Docherty's Derby County — making him the 39th acquisition in 15 months.

• Bayern Munchen would like to buy the Austrian Franz Krinkl from Barcelona when the ban on foreigners in Spain comes into force. Meanwhile, they have signed Werner Steinkirchner, 18, whose stocky build is similar to Gerd Muller's.

• The South Korean star, Cha-Bum Keun, is perhaps the cheapest player in the Bundesliga: he gets \$210 for every match played plus \$900 for every match won.

• Berti Vogts, the Monchengladbach star, has recovered from his double fracture of the leg and expects to resume playing soon.

• New transfer record in Britain: West Bromwich Albion paid \$780,000 to Middlesbrough for David Mills.

ARGENTINE HIT PARADE

The Argentinian soccer weekly, "Gazeta Sportiva", has published its lists of "bests" and "mosts" for the World Cup — and has come up with some interesting conclusions.

Title to Koreans

The two Koreans, South and North, have shared the gold medal at the Asian Games in Bangkok, after their 0-0 drawn game in extra time.

Third place went, surprisingly, to China, beating Iraq 1-0 — after all but murdering Malaysia, last time bonze medallists, 7-1.

Full results of group matches:
5th: Korea v China 1-0; Thailand v Malaysia 2-1; China v Thailand 4-1; South Korea v Malaysia 1-0; China v Malaysia 7-1; South Korea v Thailand 3-1; Kuwait v India 6-1; Iraq v North Korea 2-1; Iraq v Kuwait 3-1; North Korea v India 2-1; Iraq v India 3-1; North Korea v Kuwait 2-2.

Samples:

Best teams: 1, Argentina ("well deserved its title"); 2, Holland ("very steady but erratic in attack"); 3, Brazil and Italy.

Technically most spectacular teams: 1, France; 2, Hungary; 3, Tunisia.

Biggest disappointments: 1, West Germany ("no playmaker"); 2, Brazil ("no inspiration or organization"); 3, Peru in the second round.

Best players: 1, Kempes; 2, Fillol; 3, Haan; 4, Amaral and Oscar.

The best goal: Nelinho's against Italy.

The best match: Argentina v Holland, then France v Hungary.

The worst match: Brazil v Spain.

Best coaches: Menotti, Happel, Senekowitsch, Gmoch, Hidalgo.

Best referee: Palotai (Hungary). Okay, we can start arguing now...

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